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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Atomic/Biological/Chemical Division, OSI

ATTENTION:

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Birket Qarun Suspect NE Facility

REFERENCES: (1) Requirement No. C-S13-80,374  
(2) CIA Project No. C 973-63

1. As requested, the area on the northeast shore of Birket Qarun has been searched to determine the existence or the construction of a nuclear energy installation. Good quality current [ ] photography, Mission [ ] was used for the search and the earliest available [ ] photography over the area, [ ] was used for comparison.

2. On the northeast shore of Birket Qarun and in an area of ten nautical miles (nm) radius there is no evidence of the existence of a nuclear energy installation. The only significant construction activity evident in the area searched is at a distance of approximately four nm northeast of Birket Qarun in the depression at El-Birka El-Cedida and Birket Kom Aushim at 29 33N - 30 53E (AMS map NH 36-9, series P502). The whole area of approximately four square miles, which is at and below sea level at this point is being reclaimed and irrigated. In the middle of the area seven large rectangular buildings are under construction and two large nondescript buildings and five small square shaped buildings appear to have been recently constructed. These buildings appear to be institutional rather than industrial and are isolated, inasmuch as no village or building is located within a two nm radius from them.

3. The photo analyst on this project is [ ] He may be contacted on extension [ ] should you have further questions regarding this project.

4. This memorandum answers the referenced requirement and the project is considered complete.

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